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SUBJECT: **GROUP HOME PROGRAM MONITORING REPORT – UNITED
AMERICAN INDIAN INVOLVEMENT INC. - AH-NO-VEN GROUP HOME**

We have completed a review of Ah-No-Ven Group Home (Group Home or Agency) operated by United American Indian Involvement, Inc. The Group Home contracts with the Department of Children and Family Services and the Probation Department.

Ah-No-Ven Group Home is a six-bed facility, which provides care for girls ages 14-17 years who exhibit behavioral, social and emotional difficulties. At the time of the monitoring visit, Ah-No-Ven Group Home was not providing services for any Los Angeles County children. Ah-No-Ven Group Home was providing services for one Humboldt County child and two Sacramento County children.

Ah-No-Ven Group Home is located in the Fifth District.

Scope of Review

The purpose of the review is to evaluate the Agency's facility and environment. Since Ah-No-Ven Group Home was not providing services for any Los Angeles County children at the time of our review, the monitoring review was limited to a facility inspection which covers basic child safety and licensing issues.

Summary of Findings

Generally, the Group Home is well maintained except for a few deficient areas.

Ah-No-Ven Group Home needs to repair the exterior side wall of the house, clean the carpet, oven, bathtub in bathroom one and repair or replace the broken dresser in bedroom two. The Group Home also needs to provide an appropriate quantity and quality of reading materials.

Attached is a detailed report of the review.

Review of Report

We discussed our report with the Agency's management. In response to the recommendations made in the report, the Agency's management completed a corrective action plan (attached) which we approved. We thank the management and staff for their cooperation during our review.

If you have any questions, please contact me or have your staff contact Don Chadwick at (626) 293-1102.

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Attachments

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**United American Indian Involvement
Ah-No-Ven Group Home
West Covina, California 91791
License Number: 626-938-1947
Rate Classification Level: 10**

I. Facility and Environment

Method of assessment – Observation

Comments:

Ah-No-Ven Group Home is located in a residential community. The front and back yards are clean and adequately landscaped. However, the exterior side wall of the house has water damage.

Generally, the interior of the Group Home is well maintained and the common quarters are neat. There is adequate furniture and lighting in the Group Home. The Group Home provides a home-like environment. However, the carpet in the hallway and living room is stained, the kitchen oven is dirty and the bathtub in bathroom one is also stained.

Children's bedrooms are well maintained. The rooms are clean and orderly and have age-appropriate personalized decorations. There is adequate furniture, lighting and storage space. Window coverings and window screens are in good repair. The mattresses are comfortable, and the beds all have a full complement of linens. Children's sleeping arrangements are appropriate. However, the dresser in bedroom two is broken.

The Group Home maintains age-appropriate and accessible recreational equipment. There are also board games, a TV and a DVD player. A computer with a variety of programs is also available. However, the Group Home does not have a sufficient quantity or quality of reading materials.

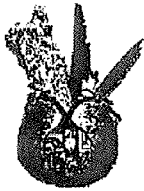
The Group Home maintains a sufficient supply of perishable and non perishable foods.

Recommendations

1. Ah-No-Ven Group Home management:

- a. Repair the exterior side wall of the house.**
- b. Clean the carpet in the hallway and living room.**
- c. Clean the oven.**

- d. Clean the bathtub in bathroom one.**
- e. Repair or replace the broken dresser in bedroom two.**
- f. Provide an appropriate quantity and quality of reading materials.**



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Ah-No-Ven Home Corrective Action Plan

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- Inpatient/Outpatient
Alcohol/Drug/Mental Health
Employment Counseling
- Nutrition
- Senior Services
- Sober Living For Women
- Positive Parenting

Los Angeles American
Indian Health Project
Tel: (213) 202-3970
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- Health Screening/Care
Management
- Diabetes Program
- Immunization (Child/Adult)
- VA Clinic collaboration
- Health/Nutrition/Education

Los Angeles American
Indian Clubhouse
Tel: (213) 202-3976
(213) 202-3977

- Academic tutoring
- Recreational/Social Activities
- Computer Software Classes
- Counseling

Robert Sundance Workforce
Development Program
Tel: (213) 202-3970
Fax: (213) 202-3977

Seven Generations Child &
Family Counseling Services
Tel: (213) 241-0979
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- Child & Family Counseling
Crisis Interventions/Care
Management/Parenting
Training/Domestic Violence
& Sexual Assault Counseling

Circles of Care Research
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- Research Project
- Plan/Develop/Evaluate a
system of care model

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I. Facility and Environment

a. The carpet stains in the hallway and living room has been cleaned and stains removed. The carpet will be cleaned every 6 months or sooner if needed. The Director will ensure that the carpet is cleaned every 6 months and the Clinical Director will monitor maintenance of the home.
Current status: Implemented

b. The oven has been cleaned. Management has revised overnight shift duties to include a thorough cleaning of the oven on a weekly basis. The House Manager will ensure that the overnight staff is cleaning the oven regularly. The Director will work with the House Manager to ensure that the shift duties are completed in an accurate and timely manner.
Current status: Implemented

c. The bathroom tub in bathroom one has been cleaned and stain removed. The bathtub will be thoroughly deep-cleaned on a weekly basis. The House Manager will ensure that staff and residents is cleaning the bathtub on a regular basis. The Director will work with the House Manager to ensure that the duties and cleaning responsibilities are completed in an accurate and timely manner.
Current status: Implemented

d. The dresser in bedroom two has been repaired. The dresser will be checked regularly to ensure that the dresser is not in need of repairs. The House Manager will ensure that staff is regularly checking on a daily basis to ensure that furniture items are in working order. The Director will work with the House Manager to ensure that shift duties are completed in an accurate and timely manner.
Current status: Implemented

e. Reading materials has been purchased and is located in bookshelves in the living room and tribal room. The House Manager will ensure that the reading materials are appropriate and there is sufficient quality. The Director will work with the House Manager to ensure that there is a sufficient amount of reading materials and will purchase materials if needed.
Current status: Implemented

f. The water stain on the exterior side wall of the house has yet to be cleaned. The Director will ensure that the water stain is steam-washed and the Clinical Director will be purchasing a power washer for the home. The water stain will be cleaned and completed by May 30, 2008. The Director and Clinical Director will monitor on a monthly basis and will ensure that the water stain be cleaned if needed.
Current status: Not implemented

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